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Application Number	10/085,464
Filing Date	02/27/2002
First Named Inventor	Donald W. Crowe, Jr.
Art Unit	3751
Examiner Name	Robert M. Fetsuga
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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a. ☐ Deposit Account No. _____

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 440.00 _____ enclosed

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Name (Print/Type)	Edward M. Livingston	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,523
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 *C.F.R.* §1.114 of prior application number 10/085,464, filed on February 27, 2002, entitled "BOLT KEEPER TOILET FLANGE."

1. A preliminary Response and Amendment accompanying this RCE is enclosed.

2. A petition and fee under 35 *CFR* 1.136(a) to extend the response date from December 2, 2003 to January 5, 2004 is being filed simultaneously herewith.

3. The small entity statement was filed in the parent application referenced above and this status is still proper and its benefit under 37 *CFR* 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

4. The filing fee accompanying this application is calculated as follows:

Basic Fee	\$385.00
Additional fees:	
Total no. of claims in excess of 20, @ \$9.00/each: (0)	0.00
Number of Independent claims in excess of 3, @ \$43.00/each: (0)	0.00
Multiple Dependent claims \$145.00 per application: (0)	0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE	<hr/> \$385.00

5. The current power of attorney in the file wrapper of the prior application remains the same to Edward M. Livingston, Patent Attorney Reg. No. 28,523, which appears in the papers contained in the file wrapper. Please address all future correspondence to:

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